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## REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

### HANDLING CONGRESSMEN

On the assumption that "most Representatives and Senators will return to their home States and Congressional Districts" during the Easter recess from March 26 to April 7, the AFLCIO Department of Legislation sends out some interesting rules for handling your Senator or Representative if you go to see him and try to convert him to the true faith.

There are four "general rules" suggested:

1. Discuss, don't quarrel.
2. Don't let the Congressman dominate the discussion, but don't bore him by making long speeches either.
3. Don't let him be too vague; politely but firmly tell him you are his constituents, and you want to know where he stands.
4. Remember, he may be honestly uninformed. Remind him that the AFLCIO legislative representatives are eager to help.

Those rules seem very sensible, not only worth remembering when one is dealing with a Congressman, but with fellow workers, members and officers of one's own union, or even with members of one's own family.

### POLITELY BUT FIRMLY

Rules 1 and 4 are important, but Rules 2 and 3 are the really tough ones to stick to. Any Congressman worth his salt is going to master the art of dominating the discussion and of being vague if need be before he ever gets to his position in Washington. And the natural recourse of an amateur in dealing with an expert is to "bore him with long speeches."

Most of us, too, if honest, with ourselves, will admit that the one thing we've never learned to do is (Rule 3) "politely but firmly tell him" whoever he or she or what kid one is telling—or telling off!

### FACTS AND FIGURES

The leaflet containing the rules quoted wisely remarks that "facts about your area which relate to the issues you discuss are the most persuasive."

In other words, if discussing unemployment legislation, give the latest figures on how many are unemployed right here; if talking about Federal aid to schools, tell how many kids right here are studying on split shifts.

### No urge to merge

It bothered Al Chasmar of San Leandro Printing Specialties Local 678 that the Labor Temple Association failed to recognize the AFLCIO merger.

The lectern in the rear of its meeting hall said only "American Federation of Labor," Chasmar told council delegates.

## Union pledges will assist S. L. Hospital

Organized labor could have a permanent controlling voice on the board of directors of the proposed San Leandro Memorial Hospital, the Central Labor Council was told this week by Alfred M. Hansen Electricians 1245.

Hansen said all pledges of more than a specified amount carry lifetime voting privileges for selection of directors.

As far as he knows, Hansen said, this is the first time in the history of organized labor that unions have had an opportunity to play a dominant role in the construction and operation of a major hospital.

Hansen added that a 15-member advisory board for labor is being appointed. A similar group for industry already has been named.

A \$1,327,000 Hill-Burton allocation has been voted, contingent upon a local contribution of \$800,000.

Labor representatives have played a leading role in early stages of the fund drive. If the drive is successful, a community-owned, non-profit hospital will be built to serve San Leandro area.

## Most Wilshire stations now signed by Local 78

Most Wilshire service stations in Alameda County now have union shop cards, according to Bill York, secretary of Teamsters Automotive Employees Local 78.

York credited public support of a union organizing campaign. He said at least 90 percent of the Wilshire stations in the county have been organized by Local 78 but asked customers to look for the union card to be sure they are patronizing a union station.

## Labor gets attentive ear from assemblymen

Several labor spokesman got an attentive ear from the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee last week, when it unanimously recommended passage of a bill exempting certain ships from possessory taxes.

The legislation would exempt ships from 50 tons burden or 100 tons displacement upward, according to William Stumpf of the United Steelworkers of America district office.

About 100 representatives of both labor and management were present at the committee hearing.

## John F. Quinn, Pete Lee endorsed by COPE

At its Tuesday night meeting, Alameda County COPE officially endorsed John F. Quinn for Councilman, District No. 3, and Edward (Pete) Lee for Councilman, District No. 1. These were the only two councilmanic candidates endorsed.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## Berkeley labor urged to vote on Tuesday

### LABOR'S COPE ENDORSES IN BERKELEY ELECTION

Alameda County COPE (Committee on Political Education, AFLCIO has endorsed the following candidates in the Berkeley election Tuesday:

City Council (4-year term, four to be elected)—John DeBonis, Arthur Harris, Bernice May, James G. Whitney.

City Council (unexpired term ending April 30, 1961)—Roy Nichols.

School directors — Spurgeon Avakian, Charles E. Wilson.

Mayor — No recommendation.

president of the League of Women Voters.

A native California, Mrs. May is listed in Who's Who of American Women. She has been a vice president of Traveler's Aid of Alameda County, the California Conservation Council, Asilomar Foundation and the California Association for Adult Education.

Dr. James G. Whitney, a Berkeley psychiatrist and clinical instructor of psychiatry at the U. C. Medical School. Active in local Democratic politics, Dr. Whitney was first president of the Grassrooters and of the 7th Congressional District Council of Clubs.

In 1956, Dr. Whitney was a candidate for the State Assembly. He has been a member of the Democratic County Central Committee since 1956.

For the short-term seat on the council, COPE has endorsed Roy Nichols, a minister and community worker from Downs Memorial Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. Nichols was organizing chairman of the South Berkeley Community Council in 1945-46 and a member of the Grand Jury in 1953.

A graduate of the Pacific School of Religion and Lincoln University, Nichols is a member

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## Brown's plea draws rumbles

Governor Edmund G. Brown's letter to all unions, asking support of his legislative program, drew a couple of rumbles at this week's Central Labor Council meeting.

Robert S. Ash, council executive secretary, observed in listing the letter under correspondence received:

"To my knowledge, this is the first time a governor of a state has written to all labor organizations in the state, asking support for his program. I would just hope that he continues."

A few minutes later, Harry Lumsden of Shipyard Laborers

886 wondered why no opposition had been expressed. He pointed out that the California Labor Federation (AFLCIO) is on record against cigarette and beer taxes, which Brown seeks.

Still later, George Stokes of Teachers 771 pointed out that the California State Federation of Teachers (AFLCIO) has been on record opposing consumer taxes for two years.

Stokes said the "company union" California Teachers Association favors cigarette and beer taxes, stating the money would go for schools.

### Where Federal & State Tax Revenue Was Coming From In 1958

EIGHTY-ONE PERCENT OF FEDERAL TAXES ARE LEVIED ACCORDING TO ABILITY TO PAY



#### FEDERAL

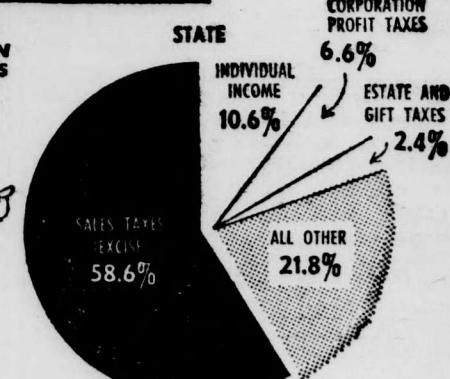
INCOME TAXES ON INDIVIDUALS  
50.2%

PROFIT TAXES ON CORPORATIONS  
29.0%

MOST STATE TAX REVENUE IS TAKEN FROM CONSUMERS REGARDLESS OF ABILITY TO PAY

SALES TAX EXCISE  
12.5%  
6.3% ALL OTHER  
2.0% ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES

CORPORATION PROFIT TAXES  
6.6%  
INDIVIDUAL INCOME  
10.6%  
ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES  
2.4%



Source: U. S. Bureau of Census and Bureau of the Budget

SALES TAX is one of those ugly words, and it's hard to smile when you call a tax that, too. State sales taxes, in California as in other States, fall heaviest on those least able to pay. Yet such taxes yield more than half of all State revenues in the United States, as is shown by this chart taken from the February issue of Labor's Economic Review, published by the AFLCIO Dept. of Research. The Review article shows how the burden is shared more equitably under federal taxes, which are progressive, rather than under most state taxes which are regressive and not based on ability to pay.

# HOW TO BUY

## The consumer counsel

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

New York's new Governor, Nelson Rockefeller, already has sidetracked the pioneering consumer-protection program started by former Governor Averell Harriman.

He had promised consumer organizations that "there shall be continued progress in safeguarding the welfare of the consumer public against unfair and dishonest economic practices." But now he has discontinued the State Consumer Counsel as part of the Governor's cabinet, and merged it into the "women's" division of the State Commerce Department.

Thus, the first effort by a state to give consumers direct representation has been throttled even as several other states are moving to establish departments to help consumers.

The whole point of a separate consumer department is to have a spokesman whose sole responsibility is to get consumers a fair deal from state agencies and legislators. But it's especially ironic that Rockefeller buried New York's consumer agency in the Commerce Department, which has as its main responsibility representing the interests of businessmen. In the Rockefeller administration, particularly, the State Commerce Department has been given the mission of creating a "business climate" — that is, favorable to businessmen.

The New York State Commerce Department works closely, for example, with the Empire State Chamber of Commerce, which in the past has violently opposed legislation designed to protect the buying public.

Underscoring the irony of burying the State Consumer Counsel in the Commerce Department, is that Rockefeller at the same time appointed the former president of the New York Telephone Company to be the new head of the Commerce Department. In the Harriman administration one of the responsibilities of the Consumer Counsel was to represent the public when the phone company

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## Cooking that is creative

Think of cooking as an art instead of a chore.

Creative cooking gives pleasure to everyone, including the cook. Cooking is a challenge to ingenuity and experimentation. Every meal can be a work of art — a creation of the hands and the mind.

A simple way to start being creative is in the way foods are served. They suggested combining meat and vegetables attractively on the same platter instead of serving each separately, for example, pork chops and broccoli on a yellow-green platter. Serving dishes should harmonize in color and texture with other dishes used, but a contrasting color might add more interest.

Every homemaker can make family meals creative, the home economists said, if she will use her imagination by varying flavor combinations, garnishes, adding spices and herbs and using distinctive ways of serving.

## Sleep cheats are warned

Are you a night owl who doesn't give a hoot about the proper amount of sleep you don't get? You are a "sleep cheat" and you are dreaming if you think that you are kidding anyone but yourself. "Sleep cheats" unlike insomniacs, could sleep but they don't take time to do so.

But when you borrow money or buy on the installment plan, the bank or finance company doesn't state the interest rate as a simple per annum charge. It calls it a "discount" or finance charge, and understates the true per annum rate by almost half. For example, the 6 or 7 percent rate charged by auto finance companies and banks on installment debts is actually a true per annum rate of close to 12 or 14 percent a year.

## Ask the men!

Two of three girls who had grown up together married, and thereafter they continually annoyed their spinster friend with tactless remarks about her unhappy state.

She laughed off their comments until one day they went a bit too far.

"Now tell us truthfully," they laughed, "have you ever really had a chance to marry?"

With a withering glance, she retorted: "Suppose you ask your husbands."

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## Women drivers

After John L. Jackson smashed his car into a wall in Atlanta, Ga., police suggested he remove the sticker in the car's rear window. The sticker read "Help stamp out women drivers."

## Wife-spanker

A husband has the right to spank his wife if she deserves it, the Iowa Supreme Court has ruled. It reversed a divorce granted Mrs. Mildred Moffett because her husband, Jerry, had spanked her several times.

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## Barbara Bell Patterns



## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

MOTHER DUNCAN, as the headline writers call her, has reminded everyone in this area that mother love, especially when it begins functioning as mother-in-law hate, can have something of the nature of the tigress in it.

The facts in her case, however, are so horrifying and out of the ordinary that it is doubtful if many mothers who are also mothers-in-law have laid to heart many of the revelations as warnings to themselves.

NOVELS, plays, movies, TV shows, soap operas which do not portray extreme cases are more instructive for most of us than these dreadful things we read in the dailies.

It's the little episodes, the minor disputes and actions, such as are described in fiction and drama, which bring home to us how we've been acting ourselves, and make us resolve to do a little better.

In the quiet novels of Jane Austen, English novelist born in 1775, who spent her life in villages, many of us have seen portrayed our own faults of selfishness, unmannerliness, and the like, and have tried as a result to be less selfish and have better manners.

WATCH A MOTHER with her small children in a supermarket and you learn more about the faults of mothers sometimes than by reading all the ghastly details of the Mother Duncan case.

We might add that handling her brood in a supermarket is a very tough test for mother — maybe too tough to watch or to judge her by!

## Electronic ranges

One of the most significant developments in the art of cooking, the electronic range, is still shunned by many homemakers.

Although women flock to demonstrations of how food can be cooked with microwaves, they shy away from purchasing this appliance. This, despite the fact it reduces the cooking time of roasts to thirty minutes, potatoes to four minutes and eggs and bacon to seconds.

The major deterrent is the price.

## Cold water soaps

Using cold water soaps makes it easier to care for your sweaters whether they are of wool, synthetic fibers or expensive cashmere, Rutgers University's home experts point out. It's hot water and rubbing that causes sweaters to shrink and become hard. With cold water soaps only a brief soaking is necessary.

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## Milk Drivers 302 issue 15th annual report to public

Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Union, Local 302, has issued its annual financial report to members and the public for the 15th consecutive year.

The report is published in the East Bay Labor Journal and other newspapers.

"We make these reports out of a feeling of responsibility to our members and to the public we serve—a feeling that grows from the deep conviction that all of us, whatever our walk of life, share common problems and common hopes—and that our welfare is closely interrelated," the union said.

Biggest chunk of the 1,700-member union's expenditures, \$79,174, went for expenses of operation. This included running the local's office, salaries, negotiations and administration expenses.

Expenditures also included \$40,415 for welfare and \$43,286 in payments to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and other affiliates, including "emergency expenditures against political attacks."

Seven-eights of Local 302's income, according to the report, came from dues, initiation fees and assessments.

The remainder is shown as originating from returns on savings, credit union payment for office expenses, wage claim settlement and withdrawals from reserves.

In a more detailed printed report, also made public, the Alameda-Contra Costa County local lists major accomplishments of the past year:

1. First pensions were paid in October under a plan negotiated in 1956. So far, there have been 22 recipients.

2. Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer, was elected to Congress, and Albert Brown, a former business agent, named to take his place.

3. Local 302's marionette milkman, Bill, was sponsored on a year-round basis, appearing at schools as well as at Children's Fairyland.

4. The union's credit union passed the million-dollar mark.

## Tobriner appointed to state appellate court; replaces Judge Peters

Matthew O. Tobriner, San Francisco labor lawyer, has been named to the State District Court of Appeal.

Tobriner replaces Justice Raymond Peters, who is being elevated to the State Supreme Court.

A graduate of San Francisco's Lowell High School, Tobriner is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School. He received a Doctor of Laws degree from the University of California in 1932.

Tobriner has represented the San Francisco Labor Council, the Western Conference of Teamsters and the Carmen's Union. He is co-chairman of the Committee on the National Labor Relations Act of the American Bar Association and a member of the ABA's labor relations law section.

## 'On the Boss's Time' in financial district bookstore display

George Bratt of Millmen's Local 42, San Francisco, says his book of poetry, "On the Boss's Time," is currently being featured in the window of Paul Elder's financial district branch at 228 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

The other half of the window is occupied by photos Bratt took of the Crown-Zellerbach building, now under construction. The photos are from a forthcoming show of pictures by Bratt.

## Clancy, Vandewark fined, must serve six months

Patrick Clancy and P. E. Vandewark, former officials of Operating Engineers Local 3, have been fined \$2500 each and sentenced to six months in the San Francisco County jail for stealing union funds, by Superior Judge Gerald S. Levin. They had been found guilty of selling union automobiles and pocketing the proceeds.

Demand the Union Label!

## Researcher says big business and call girls allied

"Here is the fact—like it or not: big business and prostitution are intertwined." That's the conclusion of sociologist Sara Harris in a shocking new report on the "big-time pimps in gray flannel suits," published in the April issue of Cavalier magazine.

Not only do these executives provide company-paid sex-for-hire for prospective big buyers of their companies' goods but some of them pander to the lowest sadistic or perverted instincts of the buyers, Miss Harris reports.

Some of them draw fat salaries as "public relations executives" from their companies and furnish young teen-age girls as prostitutes to the buyers, Miss Harris writes in her documented article. Others, she found, corrupt office girls in their own companies for the same purpose.

Miss Harris' revelations added strong new evidence about the big business sex-for-hire corruption spread on the record by Edward R. Murrow in his sensational CBS broadcast on the subject last January. But any official action against these vicious practices seems unlikely. —LABOR.

## Oakland teachers local asks \$6,000 starting pay

Oakland Teachers Local 771 has asked the Oakland Board of Education's Budget and Salary Committee for a 36 percent increase for beginning teachers.

The union asks that starting teachers' pay be raised from \$4,407 a year to \$6,000.

Dr. Hyman Haydis of Local 771 said nearly one-third of Oakland's teachers hold outside jobs to supplement their income. In addition, he said they are asked to go to summer school in order to qualify for higher pay.

Dr. Haydis compared salaries in Oakland with those of 26 neighboring districts. He said Oakland starting salaries rank 13th and top salaries 10th among districts surveyed.

## Social Security Administration seeks 400,000 for new benefits

The Social Security Administration is trying to reach more than 400,000 people with information about benefits now payable to them as a result of 1958 amendments to the social security law, according to William B. Hayward, district manager of the Oakland social security office.

About 180,000 of these people are dependents of persons now getting disability insurance benefits. Early in October 1958, everyone getting disability insurance benefits received with his check a card telling him about a change in the law that may mean more income for his family.

The Social Security Administration says there are many thousands of others who can now get social security benefits for the first time but do not know that they must apply for them.

There are, for example, about 60,000 aged men and women who were dependent upon children who died, but who could not until now be paid benefits because

## Taxi union's election delayed by court order

A hearing before Superior Judge Chris B. Fox on an Oakland taxi driver's charge that Teamsters Local 923 failed to comply with its own bylaws in calling an election was scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday.

Judge Fox issued an injunction last week, preventing the union from holding the election, as scheduled, until he holds the hearing.

The temporary order was obtained by Omar M. Miller, a candidate for president.

Miller accuses the local's election's committee of failure to give proper notice of the time and place of the election. He also charges the committee was not elected a full month prior to the nominations meeting February 26, that the committee failed to post a list of members eligible to vote, and other alleged violations.

the son or daughter was survived by a spouse or child.

Here is a list of some other groups of people who may benefit from these amendments:

1. Disabled workers who had worked under social security for five years or more, but who could not get disability benefits under the old law because they had not worked a year and a half out of the last three years before they became disabled.

2. Disabled sons and daughters of retired, disabled or deceased workers may now get benefits without having to show that they were getting one-half of their support from their parent.

3. Disabled workers whose disability benefits have been reduced or were not payable because they were receiving workers' compensation or some federal disability benefits will no longer have those benefits deducted from their social security payments.

4. Workers with long-standing disabilities may benefit from the new law which extends from June 30, 1958, to June 30, 1961, the period in which they can apply to have their social security records frozen as of the time they first met the disability requirements of the law. This period could extend back as far as October, 1941.

5. About 5,000 people are affected by amendments changing the eligibility requirements for the payments of dependents and survivors benefits.

Applications for benefits may be made at any one of the 584 district offices of the Social Security Administration. In Oakland, the district office is at 1509 Clay Street.

## Tribune sells KLX

Sale of radio station KLX to the Crowell Collier Publishing Co., contingent upon Federal Communications Commission approval, has been announced by the Oakland Tribune Publishing Co.

Demand the Union Label!

## Chapter 15 in an open book...

**FOR** the fifteenth consecutive year, we make a public report on our union's financial affairs. We make these reports out of a feeling of responsibility to our members and to the public we serve—a feeling that grows from the deep conviction that all of us, whatever our walk of life, share common problems and common hopes—and that our welfare is closely interrelated.

Our primary concern—the basic reason for our union—has been to improve our wages and working conditions through fair and democratic collective bargaining. The results of the wages and conditions established in this way spread out in ever-widening circles to benefit other workers, business and professional men—and their families.

We have been concerned, too, about our economic security but in a way that brings benefits to many others who face the economic hazards of daily living. Security against sickness, against unemployment, industrial accident and old age has been established—but not for us alone. Many thousands share these benefits with us. And improvements in these safeguards would benefit them, too.

Harsh and vindictive laws that interfere with democratic collective bargaining relationships injure you, as well as us, for they injure the welfare of all of us.

All of us share in the benefits of decent living standards, economic and social security and democratic participation in the political and economic life of our country.

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## 15th ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT • 1958

### EXPENDITURES

RUNNING OUR UNION \$ 79,173.93  
To maintain offices, pay our officers and staff, meet other expenses  
of negotiating contracts, administering our union's affairs.

### FOR WELFARE \$ 40,415.20

We paid \$20,658.28 in sick, disability benefits; \$9,331.00 in death  
benefits. It also includes contributions to charitable and welfare  
organizations, Children's Fairyland, supplementary pay for mem-  
bers on jury duty and other welfare activities.

### PAYMENTS TO AFFILIATES \$ 43,286.21

Payments to our International and other labor bodies represent our  
share in local, regional and national labor activities. It also includes  
emergency expenditures for defense against political attacks, fi-  
nanced by membership contributions for that purpose.

### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 162,875.34

### INCOME

FROM OUR MEMBERS \$ 143,863.44

Membership dues, initiation fees and assessments finance our activi-  
ties. The members themselves decide what those activities will be.

### RETURNS ON SAVINGS

Interest and dividends on investments of our reserve funds.

### OTHER INCOME

Including the Credit Union's share of office expense; wage claim  
settlement and withdrawals from reserves.

### TOTAL INCOME

\$ 163,991.48

### BALANCE SHEET, December 31, 1958

### ASSETS

Cash on hand, on deposit \$ 40,569.22

Investments U.S. Savings Bonds 15,180.00

Municipal Bonds 24,236.88

National Securities 17,287.25

Value Line Securities 21,750.09

Credit Union Shares 14,306.72

Mass. Investors Trust 27,992.98

Other Assets 8.00

Loans receivable 5,000.00

TOTAL \$ 168,324.34

Condensed from Annual Audit Report  
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C. C. Merleish, CPA

Albert Brown  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Local 302

## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

People are funny, sad, stupid and wonderful. We concede there are two kinds of people, male and female. Other than that, people are a many minded thing, who live, love, laugh and cry. Multiply, and eventually die. During this span of existence, people earn a living as best they can. Some better than others.

People created unions. The struggle against profiteering, prejudice and taxation compelled the individual to join his lonely voice to a united group of fellow workers. This amplified his voice by the number of workers joined together.

The employers joined together too. The employer association is a union of employers. At the present time, they are flexing their muscles. These 1959 negotiations will test the strength of our union. That old cliche is appropriate: "United we stand; divided, we fall."

There are only a few meetings left before our coming negotiations. We'd appreciate the moral support of our members.

Don't forget the special called meeting on Sunday, April 5th. We have an increase in per capita tax to the District No. 38 Strike Fund to consider.

### BERKELEY CITY ELECTION

Paid Political Advertisement



**Re-Elect**

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Election—April 7, 1959

Paid Political Advertisement

## Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

I want to bring out that we are now in the process of distributing the vacation checks for hours worked in 1958.

Those having 350 hours and less than 1,500 hours may pick up their checks at their convenience at the Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 office, Room 217 of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

Those having over 1,500 hours may pick up their checks one week in advance of their scheduled vacations.

For your information, the Secretary of the California Pipe Trades Council has summarized the wages and fringe benefits for the plumbers and steamfitters unions in the State of California and as I have mentioned in the union meetings, the Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 have the highest overall package of \$4.485 per hour, and will have until at least July 1, 1959.

The delegates elected to attend the California Pipe Trades Convention to be held April 10, 11 and 12, 1959, at the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego are as follows:

Ben H. Beynon .....	67
Arthur M. Cleary .....	53
Bert J. Porter .....	51
M. A. Cahill .....	49
Dominick J. Mooney .....	48
Jack Garavanta .....	46

Those brothers working under the Appliance Dealers & Service Association Contract will have paid holidays for May 30, 1959, and July 4, 1959.

### Teachers 771

By BILL PLOSSER

Our Salary Rally on April 9 promises to be an outstanding event this year. Professor Joel Hildebrand, UC chemist and long time crusader for better education, will speak. The candidates for the Oakland Board of Education have been invited. We are in the process of lining up other prominent speakers.

This is a dramatic and positive way to focus public attention on teachers' salaries. Recently, the newspapers in the Bay Area reported our Local's demands for a \$6,000 minimum and \$12,000 maximum salary

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**APRIL 7, 1959**

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schedule. This Salary Rally will produce more publicity about Oakland's comparatively low salary schedule. And once the public knows the facts about the Oakland Public Schools, we hope it will act to improve some conditions too long ignored or overlooked.

Let's really get a turnout next Thursday night. The Rally begins at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at Roosevelt Junior High School, 1926 - 19th Avenue, Oakland.

We invite our brothers and sisters in the labor movement to be there.

### Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

There was a lot of discussion at Local 36 last Friday night on voting procedure in our union elections coming up. I must confess to being busy with individual brothers' problems at the time, but the matters were referred to the Special Meeting of Friday, April 17th. Make a point of being there that night. It should be good.

If any member has less than \$100 in his vacation fund, he should apply for it. Actually, we are running behind average on applications, and these under \$100 can be drawn at any time, with no time off, as you know.

On Wednesday, April 8th, at 8 p.m. the Credit Union will have a meeting at our hall, 761 - 12th Street. All Local 36 members and families are invited.

There will be a movie, general discussion and questions and answers. If you wish to learn about our Credit Union, here is the time and the place.

### Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The employment situation remains good as all our members are working. In addition we have been able to place some 250 "travel card" members to work.

The J. F. Pritchard Company has advised this business office that they will start construction on a project for the American Messer Corporation to be built near Richmond in the near future. We will have more to report on this project after a pre-job conference.

From all indications, the work picture for 1959 looks promising for our members. However, in talking to many representatives of U. A. locals, both in California and on a national basis, we find most of the locals have an unemployment situation. Pipefitters Local Union No. 250 of Los Angeles has some 700 members out of work. Local No. 211 of Houston, Texas has 1300 members out of work. So it is gratifying to be able to help some of our U. A. men by placing them to work in our jurisdiction.

The auditor's report, covering your 1958 operations, was received by the members at our last membership meeting, held April 2nd. The report revealed that even though the union did not send a full delegation to

conventions (this is excluding the California Pipe Trades Convention) and had no picnic or Christmas Party in other words we kept our expenses at a minimum—we showed a decrease in our finances in the amount of \$1,954.92.

The auditor's report also showed that in comparison with the auditor's report of 1956 (the last year we showed a financial increase) due to increases granted to affiliated councils by increased per capita tax, increase in your union's officers' and clerical help wages, increased cost of operations, such as printing, taxes, postage, rents and other items connected with the operations of your union office, all tied up with both labor costs and the cost of living, have increased from 1956 to 1958 in the amount of \$6,756.50.

The records of this union also show that in 1942 the dues were changed from a weekly assessment to a flat fee of five dollars per month and the wage rate at that time was \$1.75 per hour. The dues of this union remained the same five dollars until April 1, 1952, at which time they were increased one dollar. Again on March 1, 1955, and January 1, 1957, they were increased one dollar per month and are at the present time eight dollars per month.

In 1942, the dues were five dollars per month, the wages \$1.75 per hour. In 1959, the dues are eight dollars per month and the wage scale is \$4.21 per hour plus 15 cents for fringe benefits, plus two, three and four dollars per day travel time. There is no comparison.

Your union is in the same category as your own home. You can't operate your home financially in 1959 on the basis of your income in 1942. Neither can your union be operated on a 1942 standard. So this writer would like you, the members, to give this some thought when this financial matter is presented to you in the near future.

### Paint Makers' 1101

By PETE CEREMELLO

After listening to some of the candidates that have a cure all for what ails our city government and what is needed for a better form of education for our children, I am satisfied with the COPE recommended candidates. Nuff said.

There are candidates for Berkeley as well as Oakland. So please look your Labor Journal over carefully for the COPE recommendations.

I am concerned about prospective candidates for union membership that are sent to plants for jobs.

First the employer calls the private employment agency. The

agency sends the worker to the plant. If he is hired, it is expected he will pay off in seven days at 25 percent of a month's salary or 15 days at 30 percent; 30 days at 35 percent; 60 days at 50 percent. If he quits, he pays the full amount. I can understand what a hardship these agencies are working on people who go to them for a job. (It stinks).

I understand that the Office Workers Local 29 has some legislation in Sacramento now to curb this sort of activity.

For those of you that are fishermen, it was reported to me that the spring run of striped bass is on in the Delta region. About three clear days and the trolling should be good in Frank's Tract. Bait fishing is good at present at the mouth of Three Mile Slough. Good luck. Go get 'em.

Off work because of illness is brother Domingo Perez from the Pacific Paint & Varnish Co. He is in the Albany Hospital. We hope that he will be back on his job pretty soon. Brother Charles Hughes who works at Pabco is also ill. Hurry back, Charlie, the fellows miss you.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

This week we can report a new agreement signed by Frank's Jewelers, 1079 Market Street, San Francisco. A union man is on the premises.

Congratulations are really in order for the Vargas family! John Vargas, proprietor member from Hayward, and his wife, Betty, sent us an announcement that the stork is proud of what he has done—brought them two prospective watchmakers, instead of one! Twin boys named Ruben John and Roderick John born February 25th.

It's proud you have a right to be, and we all send you our sincere congratulations.

## State income tax deadline nears

State Controller Alan Cranston warns that state income tax returns must be filed by April 15.

State returns must be filed by single persons with net incomes of \$2,000 or more and married couples with combined net incomes of \$3,500 or more.

State income tax offices will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 11, and until 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in addition to regular hours. The Oakland office is at 2229 Grove Street, Higate 4-7070.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

At the next meeting April 7 at the hour of 9:00 p.m. there will be a Special Order of Business to act on the resolution for the transferring of funds as recommended by the relief committee.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held April 2, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,  
ALBERT R. SILVA,  
Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

## CARPENTERS 36

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at 761 12th Street, Oakland, California. There will also be a special called meeting Friday at 8 p.m., April 17, 1959, to vote on three referendum resolutions as requested by the California State Council of Carpenters.

Please be in attendance.  
The Stewards will meet April 16, 1959, Thursday at 8 p.m.  
The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. April 22, 1959.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Death assessment No. 433 is now due and payable. Brother Edward Brady, No. 14743, former Business Representative of Local 272, San Mateo, passed away on January 31, 1959.

Fraternally,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

## CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The appearance of Dr. Spencer Benbow, Business Manager, Oakland Public Schools, has been postponed from the April 4, 1959 meeting to the May 2, 1959 meeting of the Local. At the latter meeting, Dr. Benbow will speak on the proposed incorporation of Section 20493 into the State Employees' Retirement Law and its effect upon classified employees of the Oakland Public Schools.

The Salary Committee will present its report at the April 4, 1959 meeting.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally yours,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

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## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 1959.

Fraternally yours,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held April 7 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 215 Valdez Street, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, April 2nd. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Special called meeting Sunday, April 5th at 10:30 a.m. Agenda: to consider an increase in per capita tax to the District No. 38 Strike Fund.

Fraternally,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINT MAKERS 1101

This is your official notification that the By-Laws were changed at the Special Meeting of March 17, 1959.

The changes are:  
Article VI, Section 1 changed to read "Dues to be \$5.00 per month, payable on the first of the month". The \$5.00 dues per month is effective April 1, 1959.

Article V, Section 4 to be eliminated. Which means effective April 1, 1959 there will be no fines for missing a Regular Meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
PETE CEREMELLO,  
Business Manager

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings for April will be held at the Labor Temple, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m. The April 10 meeting will be a special called meeting to vote on three referendum resolutions passed at the convention of the California State Council of Carpenters, also to vote on amendments to the general by-laws and sick benefit by-laws of the local. An important meeting, be sure to attend.

Friday, April 17, will be Social Night for members and wives. The Friday, April 24, meeting has been cancelled. There will be a regular meeting instead on Thursday April 23.

Steward's meeting on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## COPE, 13TH A. D.

The 13th A. D. COPE will meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Cooks Hall, 696 B Street, Hayward, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,  
JO EDWARDS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## TEACHERS 771

On Thursday night, April 9, Local 771 sponsors the Spring Salary Rally. Be sure to attend and bring your friends. Roosevelt Junior High School Auditorium is the place. 8 p.m. is the time.

Both the membership and the executive board meet on Thursday, April 2—the executive board in the

## RE-ELECT

# JOHN DeBONIS

AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

Endorsed by Alameda County Committee  
On Political Education (AFL-CIO)

Berkeley City Election Tuesday, April 7, 1959

afternoon at 4 p.m. Oakland High teachers' cafeteria, and the membership at 7:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Retail Food Clerks' Hall, 6537 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
GEORGE STOKES,  
President

## UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held at the Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, Saturday, April 11, 1959 at 2 p.m. Executive Board meeting at 12:30.

We would like to see each and every member who can possibly be there. Maybe there is something you do not like about the way meetings are conducted.

Maybe you think that motions are made in your absence that you do not like.

If that is how you feel, why not come to the next meeting and voice your sentiments.

As you know you have the same rights as any other member. The facts are we need your way of thinking, but if you are not there, how are we going to use your thoughts on matters that are helpful to all the members.

Hope to see you at our next regular meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
C. F. MARTIN,  
Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Now meets in the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, California.

Meeting nights are the first and third Mondays of each month.

On Monday April 6, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. a special meeting to vote on amendments to the California State Council of Carpenters By-Laws.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

April 17 will be Special Called meeting to vote on proposed changes in the Constitution of the State Council of Carpenters, to discuss and suggest changes in our contract, and to act on possible economy in operating the local.

Fraternally,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Benefits paid by our Welfare Fund have been raised effective March 1, 1959.

Surgery benefits have been raised from \$337.50 to \$500.00. Dependent's diagnostic x-ray and laboratory ex-

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## BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1959

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## JOURNAL EDITOR ON LEAVE

Louis Burgess, editor of the East Bay Labor Journal, is on leave due to the illness of his wife but is continuing to contribute editorials and other material. Russell Crowell, president of the Central Labor Council, has suggested that friends send Mrs. Burgess "get well" cards at 1730 Bay Road, Palo Alto.

penses are raised from \$25 to \$50, out patient surgical services from \$50 to \$75.

Provisions on group life insurance has been changed from end of contract year to 1 year from date of total disability. Continuance of insurance during total disability has been changed from 60 to 90 days.

Polio benefits have been changed to provide for payment for a two year period from date polio is first contracted.

The next three months meetings are important to every member. We will be discussing and voting on a new agreement, also election of officers and delegates to serve for the next two years.

Come early and watch the fights on TV.

Fraternally,  
CLARENCE SLATER,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Reporting a fair attendance at our last meeting and again reminding you of your duty to attend all meetings whether regular or special.

Recent developments was the cause for much discussion and immediate action within Local 1178 at last night's meeting. You should have been there. The next meeting Friday the 3rd of April will be a regular one. We will see you then?

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## Paper launches new labor column

A new column, "Labor Beat," made its debut in the San Leandro Morning News last Friday.

The column is written by Edward W. Chew, a member of Oakland Theatrical Employees Local B-82 for many years. It is scheduled to appear once a week, featuring activities of labor groups and personalities in Alameda County.

Cooperating with Chew in preparing the column will be the East Bay Labor Journal, the Central Labor Council and the Building and Construction Trades Council.

A native of Oakland, Chew is a former vice president of the theatrical employees local. He also served on its executive board. He resides in Hayward.

Before going to work for the Morning News two years ago, Chew was public relations-publicity director for the East Bay United Crusade. He has been in newspaper and public relations work all of his life.

## Labor books to be placed in schools by UAW local

United Auto Workers 1031 has authorized money to buy 10 sets of labor history books for Oakland high schools, Jack Tobler, a delegate, told the Central Labor Council.

Tobler said his local is now seeking permission to have the books placed in schools. In Santa Clara County, UAW Local 560 gave 15 sets of labor books to high and junior high schools, and the schools asked for more, Tobler said.

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## CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR BERKELEY ELECTION • TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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## John King chosen to aid study of State 'explosion'

John King, Grand Lodge representative of the International Association of Machinists here, has been appointed by Governor Brown to a 19-member special commission to grapple with what Brown calls "the massive problems engendered by the explosive growth of the State."

The only other labor man on the commission is Richard Cartwright of Los Angeles, representing the United Auto Workers.

Co-chairmen of the commission are Ben C. Duniway, San Francisco attorney, and J. Edward Day, Los Angeles insurance executive.

The commission will dig into five difficult problems:

- Transportation, Freeways, Rails and Streets.
- Housing, Redevelopment, Land Use Planning.
- Maximum Economy in Handling the Tax Dollar.
- Prevention of Air Pollution and Water Contamination.
- Larger Governmental Structures or Districts.

Brown in making the appointments said he wanted its members to think creatively and not be bound by stereotypes in local government organization or activities, adding that "we do not rule out the possibility that we may even leave behind our present concept of cities, counties, and districts."

King's work as a member of the Oakland Board of Education and the Alameda County Central Democratic Committee has given him much training in civic affairs.

**Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!**

## Drew Pearson goes after Allen again

Drew Pearson the syndicated columnist just won't let up on Johnny Allen, the longtime holder of the seat in the Seventh Congressional District who was finally ousted by Jeff Cohelan last November.

Pearson from time to time has been going into the matter of Allen having landed a post as Undersecretary of Commerce right after Cohelan gave him the gate.

Now in a more recent column Pearson says that "Ike is practicing the old Andy Jackson spoils system in reverse. Jackson rewarded those who helped him win. Ike is rewarding those who helped the GOP lose. Never have so many defeated Congressmen received so much as a reward for so little."

Pearson then recites what he calls the "lame duck roll call." Third name on the list is:

"John J. Allen of California is now Undersecretary of Commerce. After his defeat for Congress the charity - begins at home thesis now prevailing in Washington gave Allen one of the top jobs in the Commerce Department."

## Unions will build \$2,500,000 clinic

William Grami, Teamster officer who played a big role in the long struggle with the apple processing plants some time ago in which the Central Labor Council here gave the Teamsters much assistance, is president of a non-profit union group planning to build a \$2.5 million community hospital and clinic near Santa Rosa.

Grami told the press that the group, called the Community Health Association of Northern California, will build the plant on a 35-acre site in southeast Santa Rosa. That city has already granted a permit for the building.

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Don't miss this revealing character portrait of Clarence Darrow in the April Reader's Digest. There are 36 other interesting and informative articles besides—all condensed to save your time. Get the April Reader's Digest today.



G. E. "REPRISAL"—Employees of a General Electric Co. air conditioning equipment plant in Bloomfield, N. J., take their personal belongings with them after the company closed its doors forever. The plant was scheduled to close April 1 and its operations transferred to Tyler, Texas. Members of Local 422, Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, protested by chaining themselves to a pillar in the unheated plant. On the next working day—two weeks ahead of the scheduled closing—operations were discontinued "because of the demonstration by local union officials."

## Tech classes '37 through '41 to meet

Classes of 1937 through 1941 at Oakland Technical High School will hold a buffet dinner-reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Colombo Club, 5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland.

After dinner, there will be dancing and entertainment. Tickets are \$4 per person. Reservations should be made in advance.

Well-known labor names serving on the committee include: Joe Connolly, Glencourt 1-1323, and Traynor Galliano, Kellogg 2-4379.

## 'Sponsored' labor man unloads KROW

Sheldon F. Sackett, owner of a chain of "sponsored" labor papers published in Oakland and distributed in various cities, has sold radio Station KROW, to the McLendon Corporation.

The buyer operates radio stations in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Louisville, and Shreveport. He operated the Liberty Broadcasting System, which folded in 1952, when the major league clubs cracked down on the system broadcasting their games.

## Coro foundation announces program

Applications for Coro Foundation's 1959-60 Internship in Public Affairs must be completed and in the Foundation's hands by Monday April 6.

Now in its 13th year, the internship is open to qualified young men and women interested in careers in the field of public service. It is conducted for nine months on a full-time basis and provides an intensive introduction to public affairs through field assignments and projects in the Bay area.

Both political parties, and more than 170 organizations in labor, business and government cooperate with Coro in providing this training.

Applications may be obtained from the Coro office at 821 Market Street, San Francisco. Selection of the 12 winning candidates for the Northern California program will be made on April 25.

Coro Foundation is supported by annual contributions from labor unions, business firms, foundations and private individuals.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## 'Buy in glass' is slogan of drive made by the GBBA

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Spurred by the closing of one of five large glass plants here, the Glass Bottle Blowers have launched an intensive "buy-in-glass" campaign to promote the sale of union-made glass containers.

More than 4,000 residents in this city of 30,000 are GBBA members and are employed in the four plants still operating. Another 600 lost their jobs when Hazel-Atlas shut down one of its local operations after the company was taken over by Continental Can Co.

Purpose of the campaign is to help create job security, GBBA President Lee W. Minton declared. During the three-month campaign which runs until May 1, Washingtonians will be reminded that the economic health of their city rests on the glass industry.

GBBA is offering a \$500 scholarship to the local high school student submitting the best essay on: "The importance of supporting local industry and labor." Some 8,000 high school students are expected to participate, with judging to be done by educational and religious leaders.

Another "buy-in-glass" contest is being sponsored among Washington County residents, with a \$500 U. S. Savings Bond offered as the first prize for the best slogan on glass containers. — AFLCIO News.

## Local 1245 member cited in rescue of lineman

Thomas P. Peters, a member of Local 1245, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, has been awarded the John A. Britton Award by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Peters was cited for his quick action last year in saving the life of a fellow lineman, Carl H. Siegfried.

Siegfried accidentally came in contact with a "hot" wire while both men were working atop a 50-foot pole.

Peters immediately prepared to administer pole top resuscitation. When Siegfried regained consciousness, he was lowered to the ground, treated for shock and rushed to a hospital within six minutes.

According to the citation, Peters' calm actions prevented further injury to Siegfried and resulted in prompt medical treatment. Peters is employed in Hayward.

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Berkeley City Election—April 7

United Socialist Action Committee  
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VOTE FOR THE NEXT TO LAST FIRST AS WE DID TO BEAT '61!

**Arthur A. Wendering X**

## Former laundry union—insurance co. ties bared

A letter from Office Employees Local 29 to other unions, urging them to consider insurance bids from the California Life Insurance Co., was discussed by Central Labor Council delegates this week but the matter was filed.

Russell Crowell, council president and AFLCIO Laundry Workers official, outlined the company's former affiliation with the old Laundry, Dry Cleaning and Dye House Workers International Union, ousted from the AFLCIO on corruption charges.

The matter was aired on the motion of DeWayne Williams Automotive Machinists 1546.

John Kinnick of Office Employees Local 29 said the ousted laundry union has sold all of its stock in the company. The office workers urged favorable consideration because the company is organized.

Crowell replied that the sale has not yet been approved by the California Insurance Commissioner, although he understood a tentative sale had been negotiated.

According to Crowell, The California Life Insurance Company underwrote the plan "from which some \$900,000 was stolen." The ousted union, he said, used the plan to restrain members from joining the corruption-free AFLCIO union.

## Teachers union to sponsor rally

Oakland Teachers 771 is sponsoring a public rally at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at Roosevelt Junior High School to emphasize the need for higher pay.

Speakers will include Joel Hildebrand, emeritus professor of chemistry at the University of California, and Assemblyman Nicholas Petris (D., Oakland).

George Stokes, the local's new part-time business agent told the Central Labor Council he also hopes to obtain as speakers Assemblyman Robert Crown (D., Alameda) and Richard Groulx or Art Hellender, both assistant secretaries of the Central Labor Council.

## Marshall warns parks dispute not solved yet

James Marshall, organizer for the State, County and Municipal Employees Union, reported to the Central Labor Council that negotiations for a contract have started for East Bay Regional Parks workers.

But Marshall warned against complacency. We have "an open shop situation," Marshall said.

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## COPE candidates' backgrounds in Berkeley election Tuesday

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of the Board of Education's special committee to study interracial problems in the Berkeley schools and chairman of the board of directors of the Berkeley NAACP.

COPE-endorsed candidates for the Berkeley Board of Education are: Spurgeon Avakian and Charles E. Wilson, both attorneys.

Avakian is an authority on tax and administrative law. He has served as chairman of committees on tax law for both the American Bar Association and the California State Bar. At present he is also a visiting lecturer at the University of California's Boalt School of Law.

A native of Fresno, Avakian

was graduated with honors from Fresno State College and was on the board of editors of the California Law Review at U. C. He has held several offices and committee assignments in the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A.

Wilson has participated in a wide range of civic, fraternal, social welfare and community projects.

He is a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Bay Area United Crusade and the Berkeley YMCA board of directors and is active in many other local groups.

A native of Portsmouth, Va., Wilson attended Virginia Union University and Columbia University Law School.

## Building service officers reelected; installation April 24

Edna Lallement, president, and other officers of Building Service Employees Local 18, have been reelected without opposition to four-year terms and will be installed at the April 24 meeting.

This is the first time in the union's history that no election has been necessary, although officers have been unopposed before. Local 18's by-laws were changed in 1955 to make an election unnecessary when all candidates are unopposed.

Reelected with Mrs. Lallement were: Henry Ensor, vice president; W. Douglas Geldert, secretary - business representative; Fannie Durfee, treasurer; George Muha, sergeant-at-arms; George Lallement, Roy Spencer and Douglas Wilson, executive board members, and General Self and Irwin Mars, trustees.

Mrs. Lallement is also first vice president of the Central Labor Council.

## Postpone Prop. 1 stand, Reith asks CLC unions

Ed Reith of East Bay Municipal Employees 390 has asked that no local unions take a stand on Oakland Proposition 1 until it is reviewed by a committee of unions concerned, appointed by the Central Labor Council.

Reith told council delegates that his unions' members are against the proposition while other unions are for it.

## Auto workers push plan for local unemployment conference on April 8

A resolution to hold an Oakland conference on unemployment April 8, at the same time as the dramatic jobless meeting called by AFLCIO president George Meany in Washington, D. C., has been presented to the Central Labor Council.

The resolution was offered by William Kiezel of Auto Workers 1031. It was referred to the council's executive board despite Kiezel's statement that plans should be made now.

Council president Russell Crowell ruled all resolutions must be referred to the executive board before the council can act.

Jack Tobler, also of UAW 1031, reported on a fund-raising drive to send unemployed auto workers to the Washington, D. C., conference.

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## Workers tie themselves to pillar in New Jersey General Electric plant

Eleven workers chained themselves to a pillar in the General Electric plant in Bloomfield, New Jersey, protesting the company's plan to move the plant to the south about April 1, and deprive them of work.

The local union president said, "General Electric spends the stockholders' money to go around the country advocating 'right to work' laws that discriminate against the workers. We would like to know the meaning of 'right to work'."

The workers rolled out a banner from a fourth floor window, proclaiming: "WE WANT THE RIGHT TO WORK". But General Electric is too busy figuring out how cheap southern labor will increase its profits to worry about some 2,200 workers who will now have the right to walk the streets. — California COPE.

## Homestead bakery, Local 29 sign

John Kinnick of Office Workers Local 29 reported that office employees at the Homestead Bakery in Oakland are now covered by a union agreement.

Kinnick said the bakery recognized the union and signed a union contract without an NLRB election. The union earlier won NLRB elections for office employees at Langendorf, Continental and Grandma bakeries.

The union is still seeking agreements covering office employees at Kilpatrick's and Interstate (Blue Seal) bakeries, Kinnick told the Central Labor Council.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

## Treasure Island sewage pollutes bay: Rep. Cohelan

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Berkeley said naval installation on Treasure Island are polluting waters of San Francisco Bay through discharge of raw sewage and corrective steps are overdue.

He announced he would seek federal authorization for a \$700,000 sewage treatment plant at the U. S. Naval Station, Treasure Island.

"This installation is, in fact, one of the last major sources of bay pollution for which no primary sewage treatment is yet planned," Cohelan said.

An amendment by Cohelan to the 1960 Military Construction Bill would specifically authorize the sewage treatment project at a cost of \$701,000.

## Secret meetings on employees legal

The Secret Meeting Law does not prohibit a local agency from holding executive sessions involving the appointment or discharge of an employee, Attorney General Stanley Mosk has ruled.

Mosk pointed out that Section 54957 of the Government Code permits local agencies to go into executive sessions involving the status of employees, unless the employee requests a public hearing.

"The purpose of Section 54957 is to protect individual public employees and officers from unfavorable publicity," said Mosk. "It permits private inquiry into the employees' activities, or investigation of charges against such an employee."

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## Chronicle and Chrysler for 75-cent wage rate?

The Chronicle is very proud of the fact that its sport pages and financial pages are now combined and both printed on green paper.

Whatever the supposed value of this to the reader, we can certainly testify that the economics of the new "green sheet" financial section of the said newspaper would turn an old-fashioned reactionary green with envy.

For in a recent issue (March 25) four of the eight columns of the first page of the green financial part are devoted to two two-column signed articles by the financial editor, Sidney Allen, publicizing the contention of Tex Colbert, "genial president of Chrysler Corp.", that Americans get too high wages.

Chrysler, it is explained, is building small cars in France, because "you cannot compete in world markets if you are saddled with American wage rates." Then Sidney Allen in this particular one of his two two-column signed articles on one page goes on to explain that "he" (that's the "genial" president of Chrysler) "compared our \$3.25 to \$3.50 an hour with France's 75 cents an hour."

These figures are repeated in the other of the two two-column articles by the financial editor of the Chronicle, with the same implication that the ideal wage rate for an American worker would be 75 cents an hour, and with the same big pat on the back for this "genial" Chrysler Corp. chief. And over this second article on the page there's a head in big type, "U. S. Too High in Labor Costs."

Now we know the Chronicle-Chrysler solution for our problems in this country: pay the workers 75 cents an hour and all will be well.

The green pea economics of this is simple. At 75 cents an hour if a man worked 40 hours a week he'd get \$30, a whole big \$30, for his week's work; working 52 weeks—for of course he wouldn't have a vacation—he'd earn \$1560 in a year; divide that by 12 and you find he'd average \$130 per calendar month. Out of this he could pay his \$90 per month on a fine new Chrysler car and he'd have \$40 left per month to pay alimony and bet on the horses.

Then we could all be "genial" and write two two-column articles per page on how happy and prosperous we all were. We might even smoke marijuana cigarettes rolled in green paper.

## Help teachers organize!

Unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council are being asked to make monthly payments to an organizing fund for the Teachers Union. Not just a lump sum of modest proportions to satisfy an uneasy conscience, but a pledge to make a monthly payment for a reasonable period to the very important project of organizing the teachers in a union.

It is very easy to receive a request of this sort and simply order it "filed." But it's not so easy to get around the fact that the future of the labor movement depends on whether or not we get the white collar workers organized. And a key group of the white collar workers is the teachers' group.

The teachers of America are not only important to us because of their numbers, and because they are to be found in every city, town, and hamlet of our nation. They are important also because they mold the minds of our young folks. If they are part of the organized labor movement they will have an incalculable influence on the thinking of our people. That is a major reason why their unionization is so bitterly opposed by the big interests.

In our area, the small union of teachers already organized is showing real spirit and determination. Let's help 'em organize the many thousands still unorganized.

## Consumer plan brushed off

Governor Brown's proposal that an agency be set up to protect the interest of the consumer draws down upon the wrath of Charles W. Collier, executive vice president of the Advertising Association of the West. He says:

"In the American democratic system it is not necessary to have any one especially designated as consumer counsel."

By "the American democratic system" he of course means the system of having the big corporations absorb the TV and radio advertising and "advise" the consumer what and how he should buy. But Governor Brown knows that the American democratic system includes the Federal Trade Commission which checks on honesty in advertising, and that a State, too, can help to keep the big corporations from gypping us.

"Let's Try One of These for Size"



## UNION SCHOOL SURVEY & COMMERCIAL REPORT

The following was prepared by a member of Teachers 771:

Two surveys of the Oakland public school system are now under scrutiny by all persons interested. One was conducted by a business concern employed by the Oakland school department. The other was conducted by Local 771 of the American Federation of Teachers as professional enterprise carried on by teachers at no cost to the public.

A preliminary analysis of the latter survey has revealed both agreements and differences. Agreements are somewhat disconcerting to critics of the Federation in that they confirm what the Federation has been pointing out for some time; chiefly inequities in the salary situation.

But the differences are just as startling, and in one sense surprising in that they bring out in the open conditions in the class rooms and administration quarters that have been much talked about but hitherto not openly discussed because of the risk of personalities and the difficulty of interpreting motives without making disagreeable interpretations.

One of the most noticeable differences in the field of teaching is that relative to supervision.

The Federation survey, participated in by 40 percent of all the teachers, disclosed that new teachers receive more help from fellow teachers than they do from supervisors, and 86 percent of the experienced teachers (five years or more) say they no longer receive any meaningful help from supervisors at all. In contrast to this the commercial survey recommends more supervision, although even its findings don't bear out such a conclusion, thus revealing what can be interpreted as a bias toward administration in a purportedly objective survey.

Obviously either the system of supervision in the Oakland schools is faulty to a serious extent or else the system of naming supervisors produces administrators incapable of performing supervisory functions effectively.

In another part of the field of teaching conditions the Federation survey reveals a serious weakness in the conduct of administration by principals and vice-principals. While a substantial majority of the teachers responding to the A. F. of T. survey acknowledge help in discipline problems from their school administrators, their reports were

to the contrary in the matter of help in teaching, subject matter, and teaching materials.

These vital weaknesses in administration highlight another aspect of the commercial survey recommendations. The recommendations of the commercial survey hold the class room teachers can be incompetent, to the extent of suggesting a merit system for Oakland to cope with such alleged incompetence, but skate around the possibility of incompetent administrators; this despite the fact that class room teachers are underpaid and the administrators in the top quartile for the state.

Just why the commercial survey should give this appearance of bias calls for some explanation; otherwise it appears that certain conclusions were in view before the survey was launched and have not been relinquished in keeping with the survey.

### In the vanguard

We have a big problem on our hands because we are in the vanguard of the struggle for human progress. Because we are in the vanguard we are going to be called upon to fight the most difficult of struggles. I believe our task is twofold. We have to carry on the job of organizing the unorganized, of carrying the message of unionism to the millions of workers yet unorganized. And the other job is of equal importance—the practical, everyday job of unionizing the organized.

There are still too many workers who believe that when they have paid their dues that ends their responsibilities. I say that the union member's responsibilities begin when he pays his dues. The labor movement will be no stronger, no more effective than the rank-and-file members make it.

We have got to organize the unorganized and unionize the organized, so that every member of a union will know where we are going, how we hope to get there, what tools we have to build with and what weapons we need to fight with when we are forced to fight. — Walter Rueher.

### P. O. AUTOMATION

Electronic automation of post offices is being pushed by Postmaster General Summerfield—it should speed delivery of unemployment checks. — Washington Daily News.

## OPINIONS

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### FOLEY DEFENDS INSURANCE

Editor, Labor Journal:

In the issue of March 20 in East Bay Labor Journal a Mr. C. F. Minard of Benicia undertakes to make a case in reference to insurance. He does not state which part of the insurance industry he wants to take over the coals of innuendo. With the statement that many billions of dollars have been taken from the poor dear people that he is crusading for.

So let's take life insurance first. The editor has given an answer that is a little biased but true nevertheless in some cases. I would ask the gentleman does he carry life insurance? I believe not for if he did his agent would have given him a free education not only in the structure of life insurance, but also regarding banks, does the gentleman remember 1929 does he remember the moratorium of the bank closure by President Roosevelt 1933, does he remember the terrible loss in values of stocks and bonds, the terrible loss in real estate values of that time? I don't think so. His agent would have told him "if he had one" that every life insurance company of that time paid every claim upon it and that there was no failure of any of the life companies under the regulation of the Insurance Commissions of the 48 states of the union.

I would ask the gentleman this question: Could he go into a bank lay down \$100 and get a credit of \$10,000 payable to his family in event of premature death or to himself at age 65 years if he paid the \$100 every year?

To get life insurance on one's life is not easy, because it is not a person's money that buys it, it is a person's good health that buys life insurance and a person never loses anything once he has paid a premium, because of the first premium paid covers a 1/4 or 1/2 or 1 year and the person pays no more during that or those periods in event of his death his family receives the face amount \$10,000 if he put the \$100 in the bank and his death occurs before the year is up all he gets or his family is \$100 plus interest if any.

Life insurance premiums are not an investment, they purchase food, clothing, and shelter for a man's family in event of premature death, and security for himself in old age. Real estate, automobiles, stocks and bonds over the years become liabilities, life insurance an asset just the same as the money one puts in the bank IF HE PUTS IT IN either way, a safe process but slow.

I am,  
WM. J. FOLEY

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### BRIDGES PROTESTS

We didn't say that conditions for working people and their unions are all good under socialism and all hopeless under capitalism. This is obviously not true and only a fool would make such a claim. Yet newspaper stories on our trip have been carefully edited in order to give the impression that this was one of our conclusions. — Harry Bridges.

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### JOBLESS RATE

Corporation profit increases are nothing short of sensational. Unemployment remains millions above a reasonable minimum. There is no chance that the jobless rate will drop sharply until we have achieved much bigger levels of production and consumption. — Sylvia Porter.